(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government have taken to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) The shortage of blood in the blood banks is due to lack of voluntary blood donations and problems in proper storage facilities. The Government has taken up in hand a comprehensive scheme to improve all the facets of blood banking services during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Rail accidents

186. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of derailments/accidents of railway trains in different parts of the country during the last two months;

(b) the number of passengers killed and injured as a result thereof;

(c) whether sabotage has also been one of the factors responsible for such accidents; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of the train accidents during February and March, 1987 are as under:—

Category of accident	Number
Collisions	7
Derailments	76
Accidents at level crossings	10
Fire in trains	1

(b) 26 passengers including 13 railway employees lost their lives and 141 including 42 railway employees were injured in these accidents.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some anti-sabotage measures taken are:

(i) Patrolling of track;

(ii) Guarding of vulnerable bridges;

(iii) Re-scheduling of passenger trains during night;

(iv) Running of goods trains ahead of important Express trains; and

(v) Providing anti-pilferage track fittings.

Summer special railway trains

187. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of summer special trains proposed to be run by the railways on different routes; and

(b) the period during which these summer special trains are to operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Details of proposed summer specials are indicated in the statement placed below. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 9.]

Shortage of tetanus and anti-rabies vaccine in the country

188. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of tetanus and anti-rabies vaccines in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure easy availability of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No shortage of tetanus vaccines has been

reported. There were reports of temporary shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in some States due to certain problems. The situation has improved since then.

(b) Does not arise.

Rules for enforcement of Suppression of Immoral Traffic

189. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rules prescribing the qualifications, training and accountability of the persons for the enforcement of the Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act as recently amended in 1986 and those persons holding positions in Special Courts and Protection Homes under the Act, have since been laid down;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in framing these rules for effective enforcement of the amended law (SITA); and

(c) by when the Rules/Regulations are expected to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, which was amended for the second time in 1986 has already come into force with effect from the 26th January, 1987. The existing rules or regulations framed by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations would be amended, if and when found necessary, in keeping with the amended Act.

Involvement of private sector for development of telecommunication

190. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a workshop organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry a major involvement of private sector in the development of telecommunication network was demanded;

(b) if so, what was the precise demand made in this regard;

(c) what is the present involvement of private sector in the telecommunications of the country; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To utilise the potential of the Private Sector in the manufacture of switching and transmission equipment where the public sector cannot singly meet the demand.

(c) and (d) Private sector have already been allowed to manufacture terminal equipment like Telephone instruments, PABXs, PBXs, Teleprinters, Keyphones, Video display units, Tele-text equipment, Facsimiles, machines, sensors of telemetering equipment etc. as per the specifications of the department of Telecom.

Grants to voluntary organisations for running non-formal education in Uttar Pradesh

191. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of voluntary organisations which have been given grants by Government for running non-formal